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Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated October 2002.]

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. Although the analysis to the rule identifies the policy justification behind the change in the definition of full-time work from 35 to 32 hours, it should also note that the Legislature required the change as part of 2001 Wisconsin Act 35.

b. In the fiscal estimate attached to the rule, the section entitled “Long Range Fiscal Implications” indicates that the “extension of the time period for filing an initial claim” is expected to reduce the need for positions in the department. However, it does not appear that the rule extends the period of time for filing an initial claim. The fiscal estimate should be reviewed, and if the above-noted statement is accurate, a better explanation should be provided as to how the filing period is extended.